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*Vaccination of the crews of vessels engaged in the interisland traffic.*

MANILA, P. I., *March 15, 1900.*

SIR: Owing to the prevalence of smallpox in the island towns and cities, I have the honor hereby to inform you that I have required the vaccination of the crews of all vessels engaged in the interisland traffic. The work has been commenced and will progress as rapidly as possible.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PORTO RICO.

*Reports from Ponce.*

PONCE, P. R., *April 9, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended April 7, 1900. Also mortality statistics for the past two weeks. The death rate has slightly increased. Nothing of interest has occurred during the week.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

[Inclosure.]

*Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the two weeks ended April 7, 1900.*

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| Infectious diseases— | | Diseases of the digestive apparatus | 42 |
| Tuberculosis | 11 | Diseases of the respiratory system | 11 |
| Malarial fever | 9 | Diseases of the circulatory system | 1 |
| Pernicious fever | 2 | Diseases of the nervous system | 3 |
| La grippe | 3 | Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.) | 45 |
| Septicæmia | 1 | | |
| Tetanus | 2 | Total | 131 |
| Syphilis | 1 | Births during the same period | 48 |

SPAIN.

*Report from Barcelona.*

BARCELONA, SPAIN, *April 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the usual report and to transmit abstract of bills of health for the week ended March 31, 1900.

March 28, bark *Luz*, Barcelona to Havana, general cargo, crew 10, was inspected.

March 29, bark *Vilasai*, Barcelona to Fernandina, ballast, crew 16, was inspected.

March 30, barkentine *Fe*, Barcelona to Havana, general cargo, crew 11, was inspected.

March 31, steamship *Persian Prince*, Genoa to New Orleans, was inspected and given supplemental bill of health.

The number of deaths per week is about as usual; smallpox stationary.

Respectfully, JOHN F. ANDERSON,
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON GENERAL,
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*